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ALEPPO TEMPLE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE 60th Annual Session of Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. was opened in Talbot Hall, Mechanics Building, Boston, Massachusetts, Friday, January 22, 1943, at 4 P. M., for the purpose of electing and obligating candidates, receiving annual reports of officers and any other business properly to come before it.

The balloting upon candidates for initiation resulted in the election of 36 new members, 32 of whom were present and received the Order of the Mystic Shrine. Five Nobles were affiliated to Aleppo and thirteen former members reinstated.

Printed copies of the annual reports of the Recorder, Treasurer, Trustees of the Permanent Fund and Auditing Committee had been distributed to the Nobility at this meeting. A motion was made to accept these reports as printed and spread the same upon the records of the Temple.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Illustrious William W. Kline, Potentate of El Jebel Temple, Denver, Colorado, and Illustrious Fred W. Linden, Potentate of Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa, were unanimously elected Honorary Members.

It was brought to the attention of the Temple at this time by Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee that Aleppo Temple at its annual meeting in 1942 unanimously passed a resolution endorsing Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. as a candidate for the office of Imperial Outer Guard of the Imperial Council at its meeting to be held in Chicago, Ill., June 29 to July 1, 1942. Noble Leggee further stated that Illustrious Potentate Wilson, who made an exceptional showing in the contest, was a close second in a field of five candidates for the office. In view of this fact he presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

"Whereas Aleppo Temple of Boston, chartered on June 6, 1883, is now fourth largest among the 159 Shrine Temples of North America; and

"Whereas Aleppo Temple, in all 60 years of its history, has never been represented on the Imperial Divan, except in the case of Noble Frank Locke who was elected Imperial Chief Rabban in 1892; and

"Whereas New England has had no representation on the Imperial Divan for many years; and

"Whereas Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., four times elected Potentate of Aleppo Temple, has rendered distinguished and tireless service to Shrine-dom, and has exhibited splendid qualities of leadership which during 1941 resulted in the first net gain in Aleppo membership since 1927, and during 1942 resulted in the largest number of new members in any one year since 1930; and

"Whereas Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. has rendered distinguished service in Masonry generally, being a Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Past High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter R. A. M., Past Illustrious Master of Boston Council R. and S. M., Past Commander of Boston Commandery K. T., a member of Massachusetts Consistory 32, and at present Commander of the 6th Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and

"Whereas Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. has rendered energetic and distinguished public service, both City and State, in the legislative and judicial branches of our government:

"Therefore Be It Resolved—that Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. of Aleppo Temple be and he hereby is again endorsed by said Temple for the office of Imperial Outer Guard; and that it is the desire of said Temple that the Representatives of Aleppo Temple present his name at the next session of the Imperial Council, and that the officers and members of Aleppo Temple take all proper and lawful steps consistent with the by-laws and code of the Imperial Council to bring to the attention of the Officers and Representatives thereof the qualifications of Noble Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. for Imperial office, and that the Recorder of Aleppo Temple be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution, under the seal of said Temple, to each member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

Potentate Wilson thanked the Nobility for the endorsement and promised the Nobility to do everything possible to honor Aleppo Temple by bringing to its membership an official representative of the Imperial Council Divan.

The Potentate then brought up several items of interest to the Nobility stating that he desired to ascertain the

sentiment of the members of Aleppo Temple. First, a motion was unanimously adopted "that the Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Aleppo Temple be requested promptly to purchase additional U. S. War Bonds in the sum of \$50,000.00.

The Potentate then stated that since the 1941 expiration of the 10 year lease of the headquarters and offices occupied by Aleppo Temple at 97 Huntington Avenue he had made several unsuccessful efforts to obtain a rent concession or at least adequate painting and repair of the premises and that it might be necessary to consider other arrangements. It was therefore unanimously voted "that the Potentate be authorized to act in the matter of headquarters for Aleppo Temple and that he be authorized in the name and behalf of Aleppo Temple to negotiate and complete such arrangements for lease or rental in such parts of Mechanics Building or premises elsewhere, as may seem necessary or advisable." Finally, Potentate Wilson called the attention to the Nobility to the fact that in 1939 an amendment to the by-laws had been adopted to authorize the payment of \$8,500 annually out of the principal of the Permanent Fund for the general expenses of the Temple as long as the fund remained in excess of \$500,000. This action had become necessary due to the steady decline in the amount of the Permanent Fund income each year because of lowered Savings Bank interest rates and also due to the fact that over 50% of the members of Aleppo Temple were life members. He stated that during 1942, however, operating income has exceeded expenses and he was therefore in a position to refund an amount sufficient to insure no reduction in the principal of the Permanent Fund for the past year's operation of the Temple, if such action was desired by the Nobles. Or, the money could remain available for current expenses with the possibility of an additional Ceremonial, and assurance of continued activities despite present conditions. By unanimous vote the latter alternative was adopted.

Potentate Wilson said that it might interest many of the Nobility to know that it had been called to his attention that Aloha Temple, Honolulu, at a recent Ceremonial held at Pearl Harbor had a class of 92 candidates and that Abou Saad Temple of Panama, Canal Zone, being in a vulnerable spot, as far as present war conditions are concerned, believed that there is a place

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CHIEF RABBAN LOMBARD HONORED

OUR Chief Rabban, Willard P. Lombard, was recently honored by the School of Expression through his recent election as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the legal head of the school, which is located at 251 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

Mr. Lombard, who is also a law professor at Suffolk Law School, succeeds Dr. Kirtley Fletcher Mather. The School of Expression was originally founded more than 60 years ago by some of the community's leaders including Dr. S. S. Curry, Rev. Phillips Brooks, Edward Everett Hale, Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Dr. Eliot, former president of Harvard University and other leading citizens of Boston.

Our Chief Rabban, who resides at 15 Shumway Circle, Wakefield, is a former representative in the State Legislature as well as a former City Solicitor for the City of Everett. He is one of Boston's leading attorneys, being a member of the law firm of Stover, Sweetser and Lombard, with law offices at 18 Tremont St., Boston.

The School of Expression is to be congratulated on its choice of Mr. Lombard as the head of their Board of Trustees.

VISITING NOBLES

AT our annual meeting held Friday, January 22, Aleppo Temple was host to 43 visiting Nobles who represented 19 different Shrine Temples throughout the country and coming from as far away as California and the State of Washington.

The 19 Temples were Kora Temple of Lewiston, Maine; Bektash Temple of Concord, N. H.; Palestine Temple of Providence, R. I.; Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mecca Temple, New York City; Medinah Temple, Chicago, Ill.; Melha Temple, Springfield, Mass.;

Aahmes Temple, Oakland, Calif.; Abu Bekr Temple, Sioux City, Iowa; El Mina Temple, Galveston, Texas; Anah Temple, Bangor, Maine; Ansar Temple, Springfield, Ill.; Bagdad Temple, Butte, Mont.; Cyprus Temple, Albany, N. Y.; Nile Temple, Seattle, Washington; Oriental Temple, Troy N. Y.; Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Syria Temple of Pittsburgh, Pa.

WORCESTER COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

SOMETHING new and different has been arranged for the next meeting of the Worcester Shrine Club which is to be held Monday, February 22, 1943. Following the regular dinner at the Aurora Hotel the Shrine Club will repair to the Masonic Temple and give its entertainment, with the members of both the Scottish and York Rite Bodies of Worcester in attendance. Further details are not yet completed but will be given in the regular notices which will be mailed soon to all members. Let's all turn out for this occasion and show the boys we are on the map.

The club is planning more activities later this season. The big meeting of the year, "Potentates' Night" is now under way and will be held after the traveling gets a little better.

Did it ever occur to you Nobles in Worcester County that we could have one of the biggest and most active Shrine Clubs in the State? We have the Nobles in our location to make it so. They are waiting for an invitation to join. Let's go, Nobles. Every member get a new member and bring him to one of the above Shrine functions that he may see what he is missing. The Secretary, C. Weston Russell, 118 Lake Ave., Worcester, will gladly supply the application.

NEW MEMBERS OF ALEPPO

AT the annual meeting held Friday, January 22, 1943, Aleppo Temple initiated 32 candidates.

This is the largest number of candidates to make the journey to Mecca at an annual meeting for several years and we are listing their names and addresses below that you may know them better.

CREATED, JANUARY 22, 1943

VINCENT S. ANGELUCCI of Lynn
ARTHUR A. AUSTIN of Somerville
HARRY BRANDHORST of Boston
LESTER M. CLARK of Dorchester
HENRY L. CROSS of Milton
JAMES V. DAVID of Lincoln
WILLIAM F. DAVIS JR. of Arlington
VICTOR DE CESARE of Dorchester
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS of Somerville

RAYMOND G. FLYNN of Arlington
HUGH G. FOUNTAIN of Milton
ASHTON L. GODDARD of Egypt, Mass.
WALTER S. HALLETT of Randolph
SHAFFIE K. HAMS of Boston
NATHAN HERBERT of Chelsea
SAMUEL PAUL HYZEN of Somerville
HAROLD H. JENSEN of Somerville
HERBERT A. JOHNSON of Cambridge
JOHN W. LAMB of Quincy
LAWRENCE L. LOVETT of Cambridge
JOHN L. MACIVER of Wellesley Hills
CHARLES J. MIERS of Somerville
WILLIAM H. MILLS of Weymouth
JOHN M. MORROW of Medford
THOMAS C. PATERSON of East Boston
DAVID W. QUINT of Quincy
HOMER D. RICKER of Lynn
NORMAN J. SATTERTHWAITE of Quincy
ANTHONY H. SCHUMANN of So. Boston
MYER SEELEY of Chelsea
DAVID A. STEVENS of Sharon
VICTOR WARCHOLIK of Boston

THE 1943 HONOR ROLL

THE current Honor Roll consisting of Nobles of Aleppo who induced our novices to sign their names on a petition for membership in Aleppo Temple starts off in a big way with 29 Nobles lining up 32 poor Sons of the Desert for our January 22 Annual Meeting.

Aleppo Temple thanks these Nobles and hopes for their continued support and assistance in building up the membership of our Temple.

To those Nobles who are not listed below we can only say "Go Thou and Do Likewise."

The Recorder will gladly supply petitions for initiation upon request.

HONOR ROLL

NICOLA CARBONE
GEORGE A. WEEKS
NORMAN WIGGIN—2
GORDON P. LUTHER
ARTHUR A. SONDEHEIM
ARTHUR B. WHITTIER
WILLIAM F. DAVIS—2
ANGELO V. CARBONE
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ALFRED C. BLAKE
JOSEPH J. RUSSO—2
CLAUDE L. ALLEN
SAMUEL COHEN
ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

I FEEL rather certain that the membership of Aleppo Temple, and especially those Nobles who were unable to attend our successful annual meeting on Friday, January 22, will be interested in the following statistical review of the most recent 16 years in our 60 year history.

Your attention is especially called to one very significant and financially helpful factor, evident in the comparative figures from 1927 to date, relating to life members and so-called due paying members. In 1932 the number of members paying dues exceeded total life members by nearly 1200; the weight changed in 1933 when the life members were in the majority by 294. This majority gradually increased to 1027 in 1939. Since that year, assisted by our 400 reinstatements in 1941, the comparative spread has shortened—in 1940 being 612, in 1941 being 290, and in 1942 being only 105—so that presumably by the close of 1943 a majority of our membership will again be paying dues. This has become a rather important factor in view of a rapid decrease in income from our Permanent Fund from \$29,806.83 in 1930 to \$13,171.43 in 1941, largely due to steady decline of Savings Bank interest rates to a present average of about 1½%. Purchase of the limit of \$50,000 U. S. War Bonds late in 1941, and \$100,000 during 1942, not only was a patriotic duty worthy of emulation by other fraternal organizations but also, incidentally, has already begun to reflect an increased return in our Permanent Fund from \$13,181.43 in 1941 to \$13,447.59 in 1942. (See table of statistics in this issue for detailed summary.)

In these days of National emergency and unsettled economic life, it is encouraging to note Aleppo Temple as one fraternal organization that has refused to lose courage or confidence. During 1941 we actually showed a net gain in membership, largely due to the special and concerted effort which was made to encourage former members to end a "leave of absence" by returning to our active rolls. During 1942 special pressure was in turn applied to the field of new applications with the gratifying result that the largest total of new applications in any one year since 1930 was attained. One hostile infidel, unfortunately we can never entirely conquer, but only hold at bay—the Grim Reaper who rides the Black Camel. In a Temple of over 9,000 members we must inevitably expect the annual loss of over 200 in our ranks. Those are the gaps that MUST be filled. This past year, however, a very significant and encouraging factor may be noted with deep satisfaction. The number of demits requested was easily the lowest in 21 years! We like to consider that this reflects reasonable satisfaction, on the part of the Nobility, with the present activities, finances and general policies of Aleppo Temple.

Ours is a great Temple! It is your responsibility and mine to KEEP IT GREAT.

Yours with and in the Faith,

Robert Gardiner Wilson

Illustrious Potentate.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ALEPPO TEMPLE 1927-1942 INCLUSIVE

	Created	Affiliated	Reinstated	Deaths	Demits	Suspensions
1927	425	13	15	222	102	122
1928	523	27	8	255	66	299
1929	469	21	19	243	82	215
1930	309	15	9	245	117	275
1931	191	12	13	246	117	68
1932	106	31	5	299	138	88
1933	98	28	5	270	167	1555
1934	93	18	86	277	125	243
1935	83	24	242	277	61	554
1936	83	10	240	229	65	573
1937	107	18	58	264	104	655
1938	99	14	30	219	76	356
1939	178	33	149	236	65	123
1940	86	11	53	223	57	157
1941	112	20	400 (C)	238	68	202
1942	195 (A)	25 (B)	65	236	32 (D)	140

(A) Largest in 12 years.

(B) 2nd largest in 9 years.

(C) Largest in 60 years.

(D) Smallest in 21 years.

	Total Members	Gain or Loss	Life Members	Members Paying Dues	Fees	Dues
1927	15,323	+ 7	Figures not		\$32,435.00	\$114,739.50
1928	15,278	— 62	available.		39,300.00	105,919.50
1929	15,247	— 31	6974	8273	34,950.00	103,366.00
1930	14,943	— 304	6854	8089	23,175.00	103,565.00
1931	14,728	— 215	6728	8000	14,325.00	85,602.00
1932	14,345	— 383	6579	7766	7,800.00	71,477.00
1933	12,484	—1861	6389	6095	6,350.00	60,729.98
1934	12,036	— 448	6244	5792	4,600.00	69,642.00
1935	11,493	— 543	5906	5587	4,100.00	64,857.13
1936	10,959	— 534	5742	5217	4,200.00	58,393.44
1937	10,119	— 840	5444	4675	5,300.00	59,239.46
1938	9,611	— 508	5223	4388	4,950.00	51,648.24
1939	9,547	— 64	5487	4460	8,950.00	50,523.48
1940	9,260	— 287	4936	4324	4,300.00	50,408.47
1941	9,284	+ 24 (E)	4787	4497	5,630.00	54,119.66
1942	9,161	— 123	4633	4528	9,750.00 (F)	54,391.05 (G)

(E) 1st net gain in 14 years.

(F) Largest in 11 years.

(G) Largest in 5 years.

WERE YOU ONE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE?

DURING 1942 we received 197 applications—and 195 novices were present to be obligated. These 197 applications were secured by 133 Nobles of Aleppo Temple! Analysis shows that 11 Nobles obtained 54 out of the 197 applications! A total of 32 Nobles obtained 96 of the candidates.

One Noble procured 15 applications; one procured 7; two procured 5 each; one procured 4; six procured 3; twenty-one procured two; and 101 Nobles procured one each.

BUT 9151 members of Aleppo Temple presented NO applications during 1942!

Unless your present residence, or place of business, is far removed from Boston—or unless you are *friendless* among Knights Templar and 32° Masons who are not members of the Shrine—won't YOU join our *Membership Honor Roll* in 1943, and give us ONE application during the present year!

Let *each* one of us resolve during 1943 to make an *extra* effort to row our weight in the boat.

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for, and necessity of, an organization like the Shrine under present conditions, by holding a recent Ceremonial at which time 120 candidates were initiated into Shrinedom.

There being no further business to come before this meeting the afternoon business session was closed and the ritualistic degree team ushered in the 32 candidates present and obligated them into the Order of the Mystic Shrine. The work of the degree team consisted of the first and third sections of the ritual.

At 5.00 P. M. a buffet dinner was served in the banquet hall by Chief Steward A. E. Yarlotte and his corps of assistants.

At 6.15 P. M. the Shrine Band, under the direction of Walter M. Smith, Jr., gave a band concert in Grand Hall which was followed by the evening business meeting and election of officers at 6.45 P. M.

At this business meeting Illustrous Potentate Wilson introduced Mr. Thomas Temple Pond of the Speakers' Bureau, who was present on invitation of Aleppo Temple, to give an address in behalf of the Greater Boston United War Fund. Mr. Pond was enthusiastically received and thanked the Nobles for allowing him to appear before them to outline the program planned by the Fund which is having its annual drive this week. The previous evening the Aleppo Temple Drum Corps and Band, on the invitation of the Mayor of Boston, gave a half hour concert to open the Mammoth Annual United War Fund Rally at the Boston Garden.

Following the address by Mr. Pond, the annual election of officers of Aleppo Temple was declared in order; resulting in the unanimous election of the following officers of Aleppo Temple for the ensuing year.

Potentate:—

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Chief Rabban:—Willard P. Lombard

Assistant Rabban:—

Arthur A. Sondheim

High Priest and Prophet:—

Lionel G. H. Palmer

Oriental Guide:—Justin A. Duncan

Treasurer:—Frank W. Morrill

Recorder:—Walter W. Morrison

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL for 1943

Walter W. Morrison, *Emeritus*

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Willard P. Lombard

Arthur A. Sondheim

Harvey B. Leggee

TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND

Joseph A. Bryant,
re-elected for 3 years

T. Frederick Brunton

(elected to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Robert Gardiner Wilson, Sr. Term expires January 1944)

The officers elected were duly installed by Past Potentate Charles T.

Cahill. Potentate Wilson, who was unanimously elected for a fourth term and being the 22nd Potentate in the 60 year history of Aleppo Temple, thanked the Nobility for their confidence in him and for the honor conferred. He promised the Nobility to serve Aleppo Temple the coming year to the best of his ability and for the good of all Shrinedom.

Following the installation of officers, Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee announced that Illustrous Noble Walter Morrison who had just been re-elected Recorder for the 16th consecutive time was ill at home and unable to be present at this annual meeting. He made a motion which was unanimously carried, that Illustrous Noble Morrison be sent a telegram advising him of his unanimous re-election to serve Aleppo as Recorder for the coming year, and that it is the sincere wish of every Noble of Aleppo that he have a speedy recovery of health.

Potentate Wilson called the attention of the Nobles to the fact that Noble Frederick H. Smith of Rich St., Mattapan, a 35 year member of Aleppo would celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary the following day, with Mrs. Smith. Upon motion, it was unanimously voted to send a telegram of congratulations to Noble and Mrs. Smith.

The election of officers having been completed and no further business to come before the Temple, the 60th annual meeting of Aleppo Temple was declared closed.

The Nobles present then witnessed an hour and a half high class vaudeville show by Noble Charles W. Pike, a past master in the art of entertainment. This show was attended by several hundred uniformed men of the Armed Forces of U. S. and Allied countries who had accepted the invitation of Aleppo Temple and had been admitted to the hall following the business meeting. There were approximately 2,000 Shriners present at the annual business meeting.

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By J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

THERE is, of course, but little news of our men in the service. Thatcher Taylor is doing really fine work in the Coast Guard. He attended his Commandery inspection January 18, but afterwards, he was seaward bound and will be away for some time. John MacCaulay sent Christmas greetings to the boys from San Francisco, and is on his way somewhere.

Alonzo Hoyt has heard from his son, John, through the San Francisco Post Office. John has seen real action at Guadalcanal, but apparently, he is well, for which we are mighty glad. Al Thorley's son, Richard, recently was commissioned and was married while on a brief visit home. One of Bill Davis's sons, in the merchant marine, was shipwrecked, but is safe and ready to go out again. Our best wishes go with all of these boys.

Lieut. Dixon's third platoon won the citation for best drilling at the Ceremonial and these men will wear the coveted shoulder cords this year.

St. Omer Commandery, Em. Andrew McCulloch, Commander, received a 10 minus mark at its annual inspection, January 18. Through the courtesy of Em. A. Kenneth Martin, Commander of the Fourth Division, Em. George Weeks, Commander of the Third Division, was privileged to inspect his own Commandery, assisted by Em. Russ Lynn, as Deputy Grand Warder. Obviously, George did not do the marking. On the suite we saw the following members of the patrol, Em. Herbert Lundy, of De Molay Commandery, Em. Karl Reece, Past Commander of De Molay Commandery, Harold Burr, Generalissimo of Gethsemane Commandery, and Em. Lorin Lewis, Past Commander of Boston Commandery.

Lieut. Bill Sharpe is active in Commandery circles, after his successful year as Commander of St. Omer Commandery. He has just been succeeded by Em. Gus Swanson, as Chairman of the War Activities Committee of the Council of Commanderies. He acted as Deputy Grand Warder with Rt. Em. William Tuckerman at the fraternal visitation to De Molay Commandery in October, and also, as Deputy Grand Warder with Rt. Em. John Rines at Reading Commandery, January 1. Incidentally, Rt. Em. John Rines was formerly a member of the second platoon.

We are sorry to hear that Gus Swanson, formerly on the N. C. Staff, is

seriously ill at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. He has just completed his term as Commander of Quincy Commandery.

Fred Wilder of the first platoon fell and broke his leg while visiting one evening early in January and has been at the hospital. We hope that he is well on the road to recovery by this time.

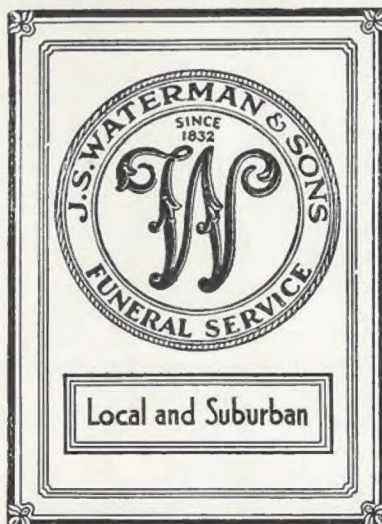
Fred Marshall, as chairman of the candidates committee of Dorchester Chapter, is beating his long time record as a candidate getter. He and his committee of Dorchester Chapter are well on the way to their goal of securing fifty new members for the Chapter's fiftieth anniversary celebration in March. A three day program is planned which will bring many friends in Capitular Masonry to the Uphams Corner Apartments. One of the features of the Chapter meeting will be the participation of the Grand Chapter degree team.

The war restrictions on food supplies have caused the closing of the Benson Bros. Corp., one of the biggest and oldest beef concerns in Boston. This company has supplied the principal colleges and institutions for many years. We hope that an early victory will soon bring Walter Benson back to his useful place in the meat industry.

One of the interesting sidelights of the fine ceremonial on January 22, was chatting with the men of the armed forces who were in attendance. One of these was Noble Robert Roberts, first class electrician's mate, U. S. N., who is a member of the nationally famous White Horse Mounted Patrol of Abu Bekr Temple, Sioux City, Iowa. The last I saw of him, he was trailing Seaman Tommy Wyman, so I don't know whether he got back safely to his ship.

PATROL ROLL OF HONOR Members in the U. S. Armed Forces:

LIEUT. GORDON CHAPMAN
CHF. B. M. THATCHER TAYLOR
CAPT. GEORGE TUFTS
PVT. HOWARD SHARTS
PVT. FRED WILCKE
LIEUT. HAROLD BEAN
SEAMAN JOHN MACCAULAY
SEAMAN THOMAS WYMAN
LIEUT. EDWARD SMITH



ALEPPO AT CAMP EDWARDS

FROM funds made available for activities of Aleppo Temple out of the proceeds of our 1942 Shrine Circus at the Boston Garden, the Nobility will be gratified to hear that \$1,000 was applied in January, 1943 to the outfitting and furnishing of a recreation center at Camp Edwards.

This further contribution to morale and the present war effort was made on the urgent suggestion of Colonel (and Noble) Roy W. Smith, Commander at Camp Edwards. A radio, rugs, curtains, furniture, and other equipment will be placed in a building, the interior of which has been decorated with the colors of the Shrine, red, yellow and green.

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"I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS"

THIS is a beautiful little ballad but not appropriate just now because we can stop dreaming about snow as it has become a stark reality, and as this is being typed the stuff is piled up several feet high outside our window; and if we are careful of it and don't waste it there will be enough to last until the good old summer time.

One night recently the "Doctor I. Q. Quiz" was broadcast from the Metropolitan Theatre, Boston. As a rule we pay no attention to these "Quiz" programs, but happened to listen in on this one. The doctor asked if there was any coin in circulation on which there was no shortage at the present time, and if so what was that coin. A chap who was picked out of the audience replied that the coin was the silver dollar, and this proved to be the correct answer. As is the custom on this program the doctor asked the lucky guy for his name and address. Imagine our surprise when he said his name was Clarence G. Young, Great Pond Road, So. Weymouth. It happens that Clarence is a trombone player and has played with the Aleppo Band on several occasions, and a number of the boys know him. It is too bad there is no band trip on the program now, otherwise we might inveigle him into a little game of penny-ante and take some of those twenty-two cartwheels away from him (that being the sum he was awarded). However, congratulations, Clarence, but how did you guess the right answer?

Noble Edgar C. Yerbury, M.D., who plays baritone in the band, has again

had honors thrust upon him, as he has recently been elevated to the office of President of the Canopy Club, which we understand is an organization composed of members of the Masonic fraternity who are connected with the State House in Boston. Doctor Yerbury was formerly stationed at the Danvers State Hospital but is now head of the Department of Mental Health. It only goes to show that you can't keep a good man down.

We are sorry to learn that Noble Arthur Duncan, one of the baritone players, has been confined in the Chelsea Naval Hospital for some time, and at last account was still there. We hope, however, that he is improving and that he will soon be well again.

The question has often been raised during the past year as to what was the matter with the band, and why the attendance has dropped off. In discussing this matter with some of the members one of the reasons put forth is that the band lacks organization as a fraternal unit of the Shrine. It is the feeling of many of the boys that the band needs something more to attract members and retain their interest, than simply to attend rehearsals every Monday night, practicing an hour or two and then going home.

We were one of the charter members of the band, way back, over 25 years ago when it was only a Fife and Drum Corps. We have seen it expand into the largest fraternal band in the country and the most unique. It was nothing uncommon to turn out 150 men on a band function, and it was a rare occasion when the attendance at rehearsals was less than 80 to 100. What was it that brought the members out in such numbers? Our guess is (and it isn't far fetched) that the prime factor was that we had a band organization. We held a business meeting once a month where the spirit of fraternity and good fellowship was engendered. But when that spirit was permitted to fade out of the picture the attendance and interest waned.

Several of the old timers, who have stuck by the ship loyally because of old times, have discussed this question, and we believe that we should return to first principles and build up an "esprit de corps." We are firmly convinced that to accomplish anything along the line of bringing the band back to something like its former activity we should form a "band organization" that would give the members a feeling that they were a part of the institution; have a set of officers to look after the details, and take this burden off the shoulders of the leader, who has enough to do looking after the musical end of it.

"Excuse it please" if we have been too frank in discussing this matter at some length, but we "old timers" have a very warm spot in our hearts for Aleppo Band, and want to see it come back to its former status where the old spirit of good-fellowship will again prevail, and the hearty cooperation of all will be assured.

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NOTES OF NOBLES

SHRINERS LEARN ARABIC EXCHANGE

NO doubt the gatherings of Shriners at the future Imperial Council Meetings will bring together some Shriners in the Arab Patrol and Band costumes who will be able to give an eye witness picture of the dress and actions of the real Arab, upon which many phases of our organization have been constructed.

According to a recent NANA news article received by wireless from a reporter who is with the American troops in North Africa, the Arabs have to pay 800 francs for a donkey and 500 francs to hire a camel for a week, with driver. It also costs 300 francs a day for a motor car with driver and although the rent of the camel includes the beast's upkeep, the motor car hire does not include gas or oil. The oasis exchange value of one cigarette on November 3rd was for three eggs. Today it takes two cigarettes for one egg.

Nothing was mentioned regarding the price of "Camels Milk." Maybe our fighting Shriners will introduce this Shrine beverage to the real fez-wearing Arab in his own Oasis.



MAJOR TUCKER BOOSTS BOND SALES

ONE of Aleppo's distinguished members in the Armed Forces, Major Lee H. Tucker, is doing his bit to boost the sale of War Bonds among the service men.

Major Tucker is War Bond Officer of the First Service Command, located in the Cadillac Building on Commonwealth Avenue.

Another well known member of Aleppo at the same location is Lt. Col. George E. Perkins, who is a member of the Aleppo Temple Band.



NOBLES ELECTED OFFICERS OF PAST COMMANDERS ASSOC.

AT a meeting of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Association of Knight's Templars Commanders, Aleppo Temple was honored by the election of Noble Frank H. Wilson as President. Noble Wilson, who is a Past Commander of Hugh de Paynes Commandery, K. T., of Melrose, and the present Grand Captain General of the Grand

Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, holds the distinction of being the 48th Past Commander elected President of the Association. The Association's meeting was held in conjunction with a dinner at the Parker House, Boston, Friday, January 29, 1943.

Other Nobles of Aleppo Temple to be elected officers of the Association are Sir Knight Albert E. C. Carpenter, Past Commander of Reading Commandery, who was elected Vice President and, Sir Knight Harry P. Kenison, Past Commander of DeMolay Commandery of Boston, who was elected Secretary-Treasurer.



CLAM BAKE KING RE-ELECTED

NOBLE Thomas W. Whitfield, veteran Selectman and Public Welfare Commissioner of Fairhaven, Mass., was re-elected for another three year term at the Town election held February 2, 1943.

Noble Whitfield, who has served for 26 years in this capacity, is well known in Eastern Massachusetts as the "Clam Bake King." He has for many years operated a large clam bake establishment at Ft. Phoenix Park at Fairhaven. In 1933 Noble Whitfield played host to the Nobles of Aleppo Temple when they held their Annual Outing at the Park. Noble Tom did a wonderful job and made sure that no Shriner went away hungry. We hope some day to pay you another visit, Tom.



BLUE LODGE HAS SHRINE NIGHT

THE officers and members of Hampton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Springfield, Massachusetts, on January 12, 1943, played host to Melha Temple of Springfield in a very unique Masonic meeting which was termed Shrine Night. The work of every office and station in the Lodge was filled by a Noble of Melha Temple, including three District Deputy Grand Masters; seven Past District Deputy Grand Masters, among whom were two Past Potentates of Melha Temple; the present Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Worshipful and Very Reverend Perry T. Edrop; a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, R. W. Roy P. Miles, who is also the present Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge; the first Potentate of Melha Temple and the present Potentate of Melha Temple.

Also represented among the twenty-one distinguished Nobles taking part in the ceremony were eighteen past Mas-

ALEPPO BOWLING

BY VAIL K. HAAK

Associate Editor

WITH the bowling season at the mid way mark the standing of the league shows only 8 points difference between the leaders and the tail enders.

As this column goes to press Al Whiteley's team of "The Guides" and Larry Bearer's team of "The Camels" are tied for the lead. In next position are "The Stars," followed by "The Sheiks," with "The Crescents" and "The Prophets" tied for last.

Jerry Jones is still top man in the averages with 108 with Rex Roberts second with 104. Roberts incidentally has been among the missing since the last match in December and inasmuch as Harry Gordon has bowled considerably more than Rex, Harry with an average of 102 is rightfully runner up in the averages.

Doc Howland has the high single string of 142 with Harold Chase the runner up with 136. Doc Howland incidentally is one of the most improved bowlers in the league this year. He has been mowing down the pins with reckless abandon. Jones and Gordon are joint holders of the three string total with 350.

Glad to hear that Dick Halliday is now much better after his sojourn in the hospital. President John Eaton, another casualty before the season started, has begun to take his place in the line-up of "The Crescents." Saw Fred Pettit at the last ceremonial and he says that he intends to show up one of these nights. Doubts if he can bowl for awhile but will stop in to give his team his mental support.

We still have room on some of the teams for Nobles who feel the need of exercise this winter, and the enjoyment of bowling with the Nobility.

Due to the ban on pleasure driving all six teams of the Boston Amateur League bowl at the Boston City Club every Monday night. If you are in the vicinity drop in and lend your support to the Aleppo Team. The team at present is in third place, 5 points out of the lead. Plenty of seats in the bleachers.

ters and a presiding Master of a Blue Lodge.

The lodge room was filled to capacity and the members who were not present missed a most eventful and interesting ceremony as depicted by these distinguished Masons.

COMING EVENTS OF ALEPPO TEMPLE

Special Ceremonial—Wednesday, March 31. Save the date. Details in March issue of "Aleppo News."

Potentate's Ball and Charity Bridge Party—Friday, April 30, 1943, Copley-Plaza Hotel. Details in April issue of "Aleppo News."

Spring Ceremonial—Date not yet determined. Tentative Dates—May 21 and May 28.

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